



Tennessee Crop Weather

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GREAT WEATHER FOR FARM ACTIVITIES

Farmers made a great deal of progress harvesting cotton and soybeans last week as they took advantage of the excellent weather. Growers also accomplished a considerable amount of wheat seeding, with about three-quarters of the acreage seeded at week's end. Other farm activities included stripping tobacco, marketing tobacco, applying lime, and marketing calves. More than eighty percent of cattle were rated in good-to-excellent condition. A few cattle producers started feeding hay.

There were 6 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 1 percent very short, 15 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 3 percent very short, 21 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Temperatures and rainfall averaged well below normal across the entire state.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Cotton – Harvested	86	71	83	76	Cattle	0	2	17	70	11
Soybeans – Harvested	80	66	77	75						
Burley Tobacco – Stripped	26	19	37	37						
Winter Wheat – Seeded	73	53	69	60						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	42	25	42	29						

County Agent Comments

“Producers have made good progress with cotton and soybean harvest over the past week. Wheat seeding has progressed at rapid pace as well. Indications are that wheat acres will probably be up for 2013. Yields for cotton and soybeans in most cases have been better than expected even with extremely dry conditions for the year. However, there are isolated cases of extremely lower yields due to 2012 growing conditions. Expecting soybean and cotton harvest to be completed by Thanksgiving if good harvest weather prevails.”

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

“We are in the final stages of harvest for soybeans and cotton. Yields for both crops are better than expected even with the dry summer. Wheat planting is well underway and farmers are ordering seed and booking prices for next year. Cattle are in really good shape and pastures are in fair to good conditions. A few farmers are feeding hay but most have another 3-4 weeks before hay feeding begins if we continue to have this type of weather.”

J.C. Dupree, Jr., Lauderdale County

“Crop harvest is progressing well with better than expected yields for cotton and soybeans.”

Richard Buntin, Crockett County

“Farmers in Fayette County had a great week of wonderful weather and proceeded with harvesting cotton and beans. Other activities were planting wheat.”

Jeffery Via, Fayette County

“Three days with frost has made for a slow start in the mornings to harvesting crops this week. Wheat seeding is moving right along and seed is germinating great with the moisture we have in the soil. Wheat acres look to be on the increase this year.”

Jake Mallard, Madison County

“Another great week of weather has helped producers seed wheat and harvest soybeans. Many producers have completed both tasks and have moved on to spreading lime, doing dirt work and cleaning up harvest equipment. One more good week of running should finish harvest for all producers.”

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

“Giles County got two good frosts this week with low temps reaching 28 degrees. Soybean harvest and wheat planting about wrapped up.”

Kevin Rose, Giles County

“Good week for harvesting. Wheat is coming up and fall seeded grasses are looking good. We had two mornings of 25 degrees this week.”

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

“Weather this week favored crop harvest. Lots of soybeans were harvested and the production reported has been very good. Some late corn was harvested and reported as very good production considering it is late corn. Forage sorghum was chopped and the production estimate was very good along with good quality.”

Ruth Correll, Wilson County

“A second dry week along with windy conditions from hurricane Sandy allowed farmers to keep combines and planters going. Showers Saturday night produced 0.2 to nearly one-half inch of rain. Most producers reporting getting the bulk of their wheat planted. A few producers reporting finished with soybeans, with a number near finished. Cotton harvest is in full swing.”

Ed Burns, Franklin County

“Freeze has stopped summer grass growth. Some hay starting to be fed.”

Scott Chadwell, Putnam County

“November 1st saw the first general frost of the season. Snow was visible to the east in the Smokies as a result of Hurricane Sandy mixing with arctic air. Soybean harvest is looking favorable.”

John Wilson, Blount County

“First killing frost this week. Beef farmers are feeding hay now. Bean harvest in full swing now. Fire ant mounds are numerous.”

John Goddard, Loudon County

“Moderate temperatures and rainfall have delayed hay feeding.”

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION

For week ending: November 4, 2012 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending November 4, 2012				Current Week 11/04/12	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	83	28	50	-5	0.08	1	36.81	-6.17	26.31	-2.72
Brownsville_TN	83	32	51	-5	0.13	1	29.50	-13.27	19.26	-9.55
Covington	82	34	51	-5	0.00	0	29.36	-12.68	17.22	-10.96
Dyersburg	81	32	51	-6	0.00	0	24.73	-16.25	15.59	-12.41
Huntingdon_Wate	80	28	49	-5	0.14	1	31.37	-12.65	22.68	-7.42
Jackson_Exp_Stn	83	29	50	-5	0.20	1	37.73	-5.18	26.79	-2.69
Lexington_TN	82	28	50	-6	0.05	1	34.36	-7.55	23.21	-5.35
Martin	77	29	48	-6	0.08	1	30.64	-12.99	19.88	-10.34
Memphis_AG	82	34	52	-5	0.17	1	38.98	-2.96	27.93	-0.34
Milan	82	28	49	-5	0.00	0	35.48	-9.13	24.97	-5.85
Paris	80	28	48	-5	0.07	1	29.98	-13.14	20.28	-9.16
Savannah_6SW	82	29	50	-6	0.21	1	39.27	-7.04	26.31	-4.36
Selmer	82	29	50	-5	0.60	1	40.17	-5.40	27.38	-2.77
Union_City	77	27	48	-5	0.07	1	31.27	-11.53	21.67	-7.78
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	80	28	49	-5	0.02	1	27.16	-14.42	17.78	-9.98
Cookeville	78	25	45	-8	0.15	2	47.29	0.19	32.16	0.26
Crossville_AP	73	29	45	-6	0.07	1	38.16	-7.88	23.65	-7.19
Dickson_AG	80	27	48	-6	0.80	1	35.88	-8.40	24.08	-6.02
Dover_1W	79	31	47	-5	0.00	0	32.85	-10.57	22.16	-7.19
Fayetteville_TN	81	28	52	-2	0.12	1	47.36	2.89	32.37	3.35
Jamestown	71	26	42	-9	0.32	2	44.53	-1.21	28.81	-2.94
Kingston_Spring	81	26	47	-5	0.28	1	37.50	-5.27	26.55	-2.09
Lewisburg	81	23	47	-6	0.13	1	34.06	-11.46	23.37	-7.41
Livingston_WLIV	70	25	44	-9	0.08	1	41.82	-1.94	25.57	-4.52
Lobelville	81	26	48	-5	0.22	1	32.58	-12.75	21.95	-8.22
Murfreesboro_5N	81	23	46	-7	0.07	1	40.07	-4.24	27.96	-2.41
Nashville_Metro	82	29	51	-4	0.08	1	39.90	0.77	28.85	2.11
Oneida	70	26	42	-8	0.42	2	43.86	-2.26	26.96	-5.14
Portland_TN	73	29	46	-7	0.13	1	36.46	-6.07	24.78	-4.29
Pulaski_Water_P	81	20	48	-8	0.47	1	43.39	-2.08	32.16	2.26
Shelbyville	80	29	51	-5	0.16	1	40.13	-5.58	26.21	-4.45
Sparta_TN	79	25	45	-8	0.25	2	42.27	-3.47	29.29	-1.73
Springfield	75	28	46	-6	0.14	1	42.68	1.81	30.99	3.15
Springhill	80	22	47	-6	0.20	1	40.33	-4.97	29.24	-1.27
Tullahoma	80	27	50	-5	0.15	1	41.28	-5.58	27.91	-2.81
Waynesboro_TN	82	28	48	-4	0.20	1	42.78	-4.59	30.94	-0.47
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	77	33	52	-3	0.08	1	43.71	-0.61	29.38	0.96
Cleveland_6NNE	75	29	48	-6	0.17	2	37.72	-7.78	26.15	-3.62
Dayton	69	31	47	-7	0.01	1	46.31	-0.10	31.98	1.77
Erwin_1W	64	29	42	-8	1.98	4	48.47	6.78	37.77	7.73
Gatlinburg_2SW	70	29	43	-8	1.71	3	49.70	1.78	33.13	-0.70
Greeneville	64	28	43	-8	0.83	4	40.00	3.45	28.88	3.14
Kingston_AG	69	30	47	-4	0.31	1	49.71	1.32	34.73	2.59
Knoxville_AP	69	33	49	-4	0.54	3	46.30	6.91	30.51	4.58
Newcomb	62	32	44	-6	0.87	4	43.52	-2.60	27.06	-5.04
Norris_4NE	66	32	45	-7	0.33	3	45.38	1.44	28.87	-1.02
Tri-City_RGNL_A	61	29	44	-8	0.62	4	41.46	6.62	30.73	6.37

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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